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**Rep. Giuliano: Old Saybrook Resident Appointed to Governor's L. I. Sound Natural Gas Task Force**



*Panel Will Study Potential Impact on Sound of Proposed Floating Natural Gas Facility*

House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-86<sup>th</sup> District, has appointed Old Saybrook resident and former Harbormaster Grant W. Westerson to Governor M. Jodi Rell's Long Island Sound Liquefied Natural Gas Task Force, state Representative Marilyn Giuliano, R-23<sup>rd</sup> District, announced today.

"I've known Grant Westerson as both the harbormaster of Old Saybrook and as a dedicated advocate for the environment. His background and experience make him uniquely well-qualified to serve on this panel. I'm confident that he will be a conscientious member and make a significant contribution to the task force's efforts on behalf of Connecticut's shoreline communities - and the ecology of Long Island Sound," said Representative Giuliano, who supported his nomination to the panel.

"I hope that your service in this position will be challenging and satisfying. I know that the talent and expertise you bring to it will be of great value and service to our state and its citizens," Representative Ward said in his letter to Mr. Westerson informing him of the appointment. "On behalf of the people of Connecticut, please accept my thanks for your willingness to accept the challenge of public service and my congratulations on your appointment to this important post."

In August, Governor Rell issued an Executive Order creating the 13-member Long Island Sound Liquefied Natural Gas Task Force to plan for any issues or incidents associated with the massive floating storage unit. Governor Rell charged the task force with:

- Analyzing the environmental, public health, safety, industrialization, economic and homeland security implications of the proposed storage unit and collaborating with appropriate state agencies.
- Managing the submission of testimony on the proposal to any regulatory proceeding conducted by the federal government or the State of New York.
- Discussing alternatives to get more liquefied natural gas to the region.